2. In the matter of the High School at Haripad, I shall have the question considered though it is quite possible that the Nair Service Society English Middle School at Karuvetta, three miles from Haripad, may soon develop into a High School. All the same, I shall have your representation given due consideration.

3. In regard to the dispensary, we have received no proposal from the Administrative Boad, Medical Services, and I shall have what you say brought to their notice and ask them to submit their views in the matter to the Government for consideration.

4. Then, we come to Mundattunkara canal. You brought up this subject at the eighteenth session and then said that the people would be very glad to cut the canal. Now it happens that the people will not pay for the land if the Government acquired it. Unless we know that people are going to co-operate substantially in the matter and make the whole project inexpensive, it must stand over indefinitely.

5. As regards the deepening of the Dhanapadi canal, there is a sanctioned estimate for Rs. 81,000. The Chief Engineer says that this estimate was prepared at a time when prices were much higher than they are now. I will have a new estimate called for; but if it is very expensive, it cannot be undertaken at present; and you will have to wait until we have plenty of money to spend upon it.

6. All your other representations will receive consideration in due course.

123. Needs of the Kartikapalli taluk.

MR. P. M. THOMAS (*Member, Municipal Council, Haripad*) said that a Magistrate's court at Haripad was one of the important needs of Kartikapalli taluk. There was a Magistrate's court there a few years ago, and the importance of the taluk in every respect demanded that there should be one. The Kayankulam Magistrate's Court was sixteen miles away and means of communication were few and far between. There was considerable congestion in the Kayankulam Magistrate's court and relief was necessary. On all these grounds, the establishment of a Magistrate's court at Haripad was a real necessity.

Secondly, the Dhanapadi canal had to be widened and deepened. The Government had acquired the necessary lands for widening the canal as far back as 1070. The canal was one of the most important routes and needed immediate improvement. If it was not feasible immediately to widen it, it should at least be deepened. The earth from the canal might be used for the road on the left bank of the canal which also needed improvement. It would be necessary to construct parapet walls to prevent earth being washed down into the canal during the rains.

Thirdly, the Trikkunnapuzha road, and the Mutukulam road had to be improved and made fit for traffic. In regard to the former, a major portion had been metalled, but the difficult section of the road was still in the same bad way as before. This needed immediate attention. The latter road was full of dust in the dry season and slushy during the rains. It badly required metalling. A bridge was being constructed on the Trikkunnapuzha road near the Pulikizh landing. The bridge was designed to be too low for canoes to pass under. Orders should be issued to have the bridge constructed sufficiently high.

Lastly, the V. M. Girls' School at Kartikapalli was conducted in a building rented for Rs. 30 a month. It could hardly accommodate 200, but there were more than 300 students. The temporary sheds put up were in a dilapidated condition and the Overseer of the Public Works Department had remarked in 1097 that it was not safe to conduct the school there. And, in view of the fact that students from villages within sixteen square miles gathered in that school, a permanent school building should be constructed without delay.

DEWAN'S REPLY: Mr. Thomas, I have already replied to all the points taken in your representation except the last. In regard to the Girls' School at Kartikapalli, as long ago as December 1922 or the beginning of 1923, the Government promised a substantial contribution to a committee of citizens who undertook to build a school house for the girls at a substantial cost. Many years have rolled by since then. The Government are still waiting to hear that the committee has put up that building so that they may be in a position to make the contribution straightaway.

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